

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Poison Pen

Other known title(s): Not stated

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Medium: Text File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Unrestricted.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 24 June 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 24 June 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The text file contains instructions for making a poison pen. Although the publication details the assembly of a device that could well be classed as an offensive weapon under the Crimes Act 1961, most reasonable people would identify the device as a fanciful construct seen in spy fiction rather than a genuine weapon that could be used to inflict serious harm. In light of these considerations the risk of injury to the public good from the unrestricted availability of Poison Pen is limited. Therefore, the publication is classified as unrestricted. This classification has no impact on the right to freedom of expression as stated in the new Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.